

another place. As I mentioned before, we already, several years ago, did approve the site South of the State Capitol for the new structure, leaving the old building strictly for the preservation of the state archives. The total statement to the Appropriations Committee of the Historical Society to get started finally is \$205,000. This represents less than five percent of the money that we are talking about under LB 109. Sooner or later we have to finally get started to do something about it. I believe that this is the best place to do it. We have been allocating and reallocating the cigarette tax money to different projects. We always put the State Historical Society on the bottom of the list. We have done that for several years. We cannot continue to do it. There is no money in the General Fund either, so consequently I have come to this amendment. I hope you will approve this amendment in order to finally get going, and fulfill a promise that we made several years ago. I move for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Robert Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, members. It looks to me like this is changing the entire bill to something else. I'd ask for the previous question.

PRESIDENT: Do I see five seconds? I see five seconds. The question before you is shall debate now cease. Record your vote. The question is to cease debate on Senator George's amendment. Have you all voted on the question of ceasing debate? Record.

CLERK: 19 ayes, 6 nays.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol. Motion fails.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature. I'd like to ask Senator George one question. Are you making a division of the money here between the Game and Parks Department and the State Historical Society? If so, what would be the split?

SENATOR GEORGE: Yes, Senator Nichol. The program statement of the State Historical Society is exactly \$205,000. The Governors' budget made absolutely no provision for it at all. This is, oh I don't know at least the fourth, fifth or sixth year that we have made a commitment, but made absolutely no provisions in the budget. This would take \$205,000, which roughly would be less than five percent of the total money we are talking about in LB 109.

SENATOR NICHOL: Then you want this just for this one specific purpose, and after that you're not interested in it any longer as far as the State Historical Society is concerned?

SENATOR GEORGE: That is correct. The \$205,000 program statement does include architectural drawings, design work and preliminary work. It certainly is not the total figure for the parking structure, as well as the museum. It would be a one shot, \$205,000 less than five percent of the total amount of LB 109, so that we can finally get started with a program that we have promised for about half a dozen years.

SENATOR NICHOL: Thank you, Senator George. In that case, I'd certainly support your amendment.